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Docket 02-230 "Broadcast Flag Regulations"

Dear Sir or Madam:

The courts, legislature, and regulatory bodies such as yourselves, the FCC, should always be in search of balancing the needs of progress, markets, businesses and individuals to best suite the proscribed goals of the respective bodies. The mandate document of the FCC, the Communications act of 1934, proscribes the FCC goal to be to "make available, so far as possible, to all the people of the United States a rapid, efficient, Nation-wide, and world-wide wire and radio communication service". Although the days of "wire and radio" have changed so completely the intent of the mandate remains as obvious today as it was then.

The proposed "Broadcast Flag Regulations" of docket 02-230 serve to further only the purposes, monopolies and monetary investments of a select few businesses already in control of enormous segments of media creation, distribution and licensing. It would be an aberration for the commission to approve the docket as it stands today. It is a one sided and narrow minded piece of regulatory manipulation that would allows the select few to force through the back door what they haven't been able to bring through the front door (the courts and legislature). These measures would only serve to allow these businesses to impose draconian and arbitrary controls on something as simple and important as recording the evening news for late evening viewing or Saturday morning cartoons so you children can watch the on Sunday so that they can extract every penny of commercial value.

In closing I urge most sincerely to resist the temptation to regulate this market with these regulations at this time. It is vital for the public benefit that regulations allow for competition and innovation and this dockets creates a situation where only the opposite is possible. The businesses looking to benefit from this can afford the best lobbyists, marketing campaigns, and comprehensive analysis with their almost infinitely deep pockets. I, on the other hand, am only able to proffer this single letter but please understand that its weight represents not only myself but many, many other voices of the general public, the constituency that you mandate commands you to serve most.

Sincerely,

David Uhlman